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15                   **RESPONSE TO JANUARY 17, 2006 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

16          Sir:

17               In response to the office action (the Action) of January 17, 2006, the  
18          response is provided as follows:

19               The listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

20               Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.